

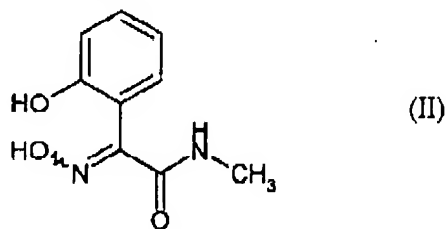
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claim 1 (canceled)

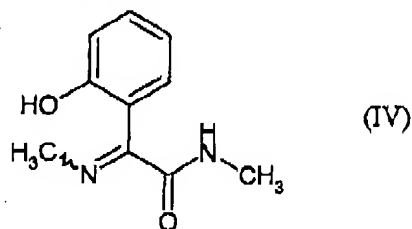
Claim 2 (canceled)

Claim ~~2~~ (currently amended): A process for preparing the a compound of Claim ~~2~~ the formula (II)



comprising

reacting the a compound of the formula (IV)

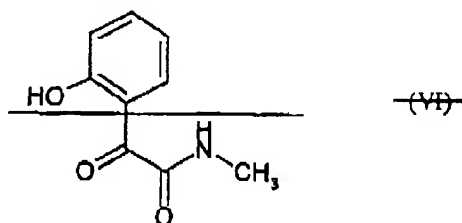


with hydroxylamine or an acid addition complex thereof,

if appropriate in the presence of a diluent and if appropriate in the presence of a

buffer medium [I.] or

~~reacting the compound of the formula (VI)~~



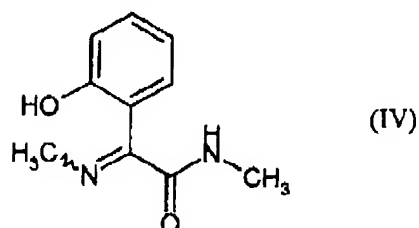
~~with hydroxylamine or an acid addition complex thereof,~~

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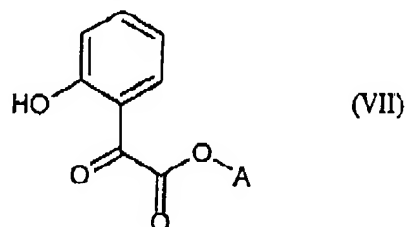
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~~if appropriate in the presence of a diluent and if appropriate in the presence of a~~  
~~buffer medium~~; and  
collecting the reaction product.

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Claim ~~4~~ (previously presented): A compound of the formula (IV)

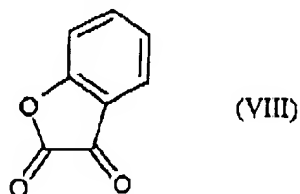


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Claim ~~5~~ (previously presented): A process for preparing the compound of Claim ~~4~~  
comprising  
reacting a compound of the formula (VII)



in which

A represents alkyl or optionally substituted aryl,  
with methylamine, if appropriate in the presence of a diluent, or  
reacting the compound of the formula (VIII)



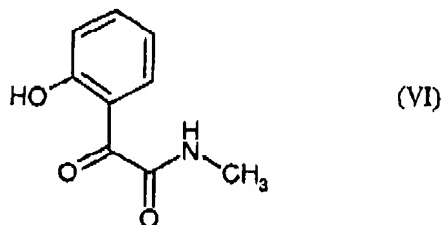
with methylamine, if appropriate in the presence of a diluent; and  
collecting the reaction product.

Claim 6 (canceled)

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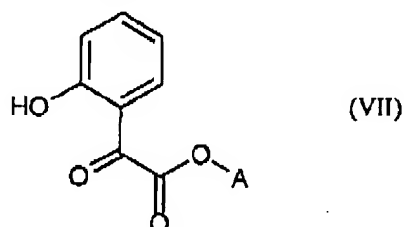
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Claim ~~7~~ (currently amended): A process for preparing the a compound of ~~Claim 8~~ the formula (VI)



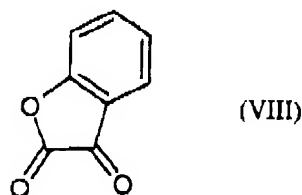
comprising

reacting a compound of the formula (VII)



in which

A represents alkyl or optionally substituted aryl,  
with methylamine, if appropriate in the presence of a diluent, and following the  
reaction, treating the reaction mixture with an acid, or  
reacting the compound of the formula (VIII)



with methylamine, if appropriate in the presence of a diluent, and following the  
reaction, treating the reaction mixture with an acid; and  
collecting the reaction product.

Claims 8-10 (canceled)

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